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To whom it may concern

This letter is written as a reference to Duncan Bell with whom I have had the pleasure of working closely over the last thirty months. I own and manage an Auckland architectural practice with a staff of 12 architects involved in large and complex residential houses, institutional and commercial projects. I have, over thirty years of practice, designed and been involved in the construction of some sixty houses and a wide range of complex institutional buildings.

I have worked closely with Duncan in a project team involving owner's representatives, consultants, contractors and sub contractors in the creation of highly specified one off houses on a remote building site in Northland. The close association of the project team members over two houses allowed us a good opportunity to work with each other under a range of situations and project induced pressure.

I have no reservations in recommending Duncan for similar construction projects. Throughout the preparation and on site construction of the houses I have been impressed by his thoughtful approach to work planning, his management of staff and his unfailingly good humoured and practical approach to all aspects of the projects. Duncan quickly understood the expectations of offshore owners and the enormously complex coordination of services and interior fitout required to meet those expectations and managed his site to ensure consistent progress was maintained.

That the completed house is a spectacular success, shortly to be published in Home magazine, is in no small part due to Duncan's role. The partially completed house that we have worked on together has, in addition to similar quality standards, some very complex construction geometry and sequencing, all of which Duncan has applied himself to with enthusiasm, bringing all his experience to bear as a core member of the design and construction team.

I look forward to working again with Duncan and am happy to commend him for future projects and am happy to be contacted personally in support of this reference.

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